

MEETING NOTES

NAME OF GROUP: Urban Design Committee

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, June 2, 2004, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2nd Floor, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Third World Oforah and Scott Sullivan, present. Michael Eckert, JoAnne Kissel, Dennis Scheer, Gordon Scholz, Kim Todd absent.

Others: Ralph Wyngarden (Faulk&Foster); Jeff Cole (Urban Development Department); Stacey Ault (Parks and Recreation Department); Ed Zimmer, Michele Abendroth (Planning Department)

STATED PURPOSE

OF THE MEETING: Regular Meeting of the Urban Design Committee

The meeting began at 3:07 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Notes April 7, 2004

Due to the lack of a quorum, the April 7, 2004 meeting minutes were not voted upon.

Wireless communication antennae proposal for Roper Park (I-180 at Adams St.) by Alltel

Ralph Wyngarden began by stating that they are proposing to place a 100' monopole with a flag on the east side of I-180 at Adams Street in Roper Park. This is primarily to offload the capacity of an existing over burdened site. Alltel has a site to the north of interchange of Cornhusker at I-80, another at Fletcher & 7th, and another site south of the state fair grounds. The equipment shelter would be brick and will match the existing building in the park. Mr. Zimmer noted there is minimal impact on the capitol environs vista in the near view. If you can see the pole in the more distant capitol environs vista, it will not be very noticeable and will look like a flag pole. He feels that this is an acceptable proposal.

Mr. Wyngarden added that the color of the pole could be black or the standard galvanized metal pole. The flag will also be lit at night. General agreement was reached to recommend a galvanized pole. Mr. Oforah commented that the size of the flag should be proportional to the size of the pole. Mr. Sullivan suggested that they should work with the Parks and Recreation Department to establish a more natural, random landscape plan. He feels the location is fine.

Recommendation on public art placements (Urban Development Department)

Jeff Cole stated that they have had three donors approach them about donating pieces of art to be placed on the 12th Street Corridor. The three pieces that have been donated are *Cruisin'* (Tour de Lincoln), *Mosaicycle* (Tour de Lincoln), and Pam Mansky's piece, which is a vertical sculpture approximately 8' tall and is made of copper with blown glass features that rotate horizontally in opposite directions. They would like to place this piece on the sidewalk in the northeast corner of 12th and P. They would like to place the *Cruisin'* piece in the southeast corner of 12th and P in the planting bed in front of Starbucks. They would like to place the *Mosaicycle* in the northwest corner planting bed at 12th and O in front of Sartor Hamann.

Mr. Cole stated that the locations of these pieces is deemed permanent. Mr. Oforah noted that he likes both bikes, but he would like to ensure that there is a variety of art on 12th Street. He suggested placing only one of the bikes on the 12th Street corridor. Mr. Sullivan agrees that there should be a variety of art on the corridor.

Mr. Oforah stated that he also has a concern with the height and width of the Mansky piece—that the moveable pieces might be subject to vandalism since the piece is not tall enough to place them out of jumping range. Mr. Sullivan added that there may be a safety hazard/vandalism target, and feels it should be taller or placed on a pedestal, although he really likes the piece. Mr. Cole suggested that possibly the bikes could be placed farther apart. Mr. Sullivan added that a median might be a good location for the Mansky piece as well.

Recommendation on streetscape/sidewalk dining at Coffee House, 1324 P Street (Urban Development Department)

Mr. Cole stated that the owner of the Coffee House has submitted a proposal to place two tables with two chairs each outside. They had to reject it because there wasn't enough room. Mr. Zimmer then suggested pulling the tables away from the building, thereby creating a 5-6' walking zone. Mr. Sullivan suggested that there should be heavier furniture than you typically see in a fenced outdoor dining area.

Miscellaneous and upcoming items

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.